

HORNSBY & SONS

From Dave Hill.

I summarised in Bulletin 262 some records from Post Office Archives relating to perfins. One of these related to the Postmaster at Grantham perforating stamps for Hornsby & Sons in 1908. With the records was an impression of a 12 head die "RH/&S". When I came to check it I found that the die was not in the Illustrated Catalogue and that was where I left the matter at the time.

We have an impression of the die, an identity and a statement that the die was used but the die is unknown. Therefore, I have concluded that examples of this perfin are lurking in someone's collection and it has been confused with one of the known dies. Whilst looking for the new dies from the Sloper Ledgers for Stephen (see elsewhere in the Bulletin) please check your RH/&S perfins against the Illustration below and let me know if any fit.

The photocopy from the Archives is on yellow paper and does not reproduce very well. These five of the 12 head die are the clearest ones.

